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Exodus 2:11-25

11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12 Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" 14 The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known." 15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well. 16 Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock. 18 When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?" 19 They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock." 20 "And where is he?" Reuel asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat." 21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. 22 Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land." 23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. 24 God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. 25 So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.



Questions for Discussion

1. Why did Moses choose to kill the Egyptian for beating up the Hebrew? Doesn't that seem a bit excessive? What does it say about Moses? (Hint: think about his upbringing.)
2. What do you think Moses was thinking about when he arrived in Midian and sat down by the well?
3. Moses means "drawn out" in Hebrew. What is the significance of that? How does this passage show that God was drawing Moses out in order to draw him in?
4. What is the significance of Moses living "as a foreigner" in Midian? What does that mean for Christians today?
5. God has always cared for and loved His people, the Israelites. He has a plan for your life too. Where do you see God drawing you out? What is He drawing you out of? What do you think He is drawing you to?
6. What do you cry out to God? Do you hear him answer? Do you feel His presence in your life?